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SUBJECT: FY 76 IV PROGRAM: REGIONALLY FUNDED GROUP SEMINARS

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1. EMBASSY PROPOSES JACOBO MAJLUTA AZAR, MEMBER NATIONAL COMMITTEE MAJOR DOMINICAN OPPOSITION PARTY, PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD), FOR 21 DAY REGIONALLY FUNDED IV GRANT TO PARTICIPATE BROOKINGS SEMINAR ON MAKING OF FOREIGN POLICY.

2. BORN OCTOBER 9, 1934 IN SANTO DOMINGO DR. MARRIED, 1 CHILD. ADDRESS: ABELARDO RODRIGUEZ URDANETA 6, SANTO DOMINGO. 1959, LICENTATE IN FINANCES AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTING, AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO. 1959 - 1963, GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR, CHOCOLATE INDUSTRY. 1963, FINANCE MINISTER. 1965-1966, FINANCE MANAGER, DOMINICAN SUGAR CORPORATION. 1966-PRESENT, PRIVATE PRACTICE, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND FINANCIAL CONSULTANT. 1962-PRESENT, MEMBER, INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OF DOMREP. FOREIGN TRAVEL: 1963, SWITZERLAND, 12 DAYS, GATT MEETING. 1961-1975, VARIOUS TRIPS TO US, BUSINESS, TOURISM, POLITICAL CONTACTS.

3. MAJLUTA, IN 1963 YOUNGEST FINANCE MINISTER IN HISTORY OF COUNTRY, NOW ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT OPPOSITION PARTY LEADERS AND FRONT-RUNNING CONTENDER PRD NOMINATION FOR DOMREP PRESIDENT IN 1978 ELECTIONS. AS MEMBER PRD'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND 7-MAN POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAJLUTA RESPONSIBLE

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FOR DAY-TO-DAY PARTY OPERATIONS AS WELL AS FORMULATION

OVERALL POLICY DECISIONS. MAJLUTA MODERATE ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND HAS PUBLICLY DEFENDED HIGH LEVEL PARTY CONTACT WITH USG EVEN WHEN ATTITUDE UNPOPULAR AND POLITICALLY RISKY. HE IS GENERALLY WELL-INFORMED US POLITICS BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES EXPOSURE TO INTRICACIES US FOREIGN POLICY DECISION MAKING PROCESS WOULD INCREASE SENSITIVITY AND UNDERSTANDING OF USG ACTION OVERSEAS. MAJLUTA HAS QUICK MIND, IS WELL READ AND WOULD BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN SEMINAR GROUP SESSIONS.

4. AS MAJLUTA'S PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS POLITICS HE WISHES SPEND MOST OF TIME AFTER SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON POLITICAL VISITS. INTERESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH SENATORS KENNEDY, HUMPHREY, CHURCH, BAKER, JACKSON, AND GOLDWATER AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFFER PAT MAYO HOLT. IN HOUSE WISHES MEET REPRESENTATIVES FASCELL, FRASER AND HARRINGTON. WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO STATE, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE LATIN AMERICAN POLICY. ALSO REQUESTS MEETING INS OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS IMMIGRATION POLICY, ESPECIALLY AS APPLIED ILLEGAL ALIENS.

5. OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, MAJLUTA WISHES MEET STATE AND LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERS TO OBSERVE POLITICAL RECRUITING, HOW POPULAR DEMANDS CHANNELED TO PARTIES, AND LATEST METHODS POLITICAL ORGANIZING. ESPECIALLY INTERESTING OBSERVING A PRIMARY CAMPAIGN AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ENTOURAGE ONE OR MORE OF CANDIDATES IN SWING THROUGH PRIMARY STATE, SUCH AS CALIFORNIA WITH LARGE SPANISH-SPEAKING POPULATION AND SOPHISTICATED POLITICAL ORGANIZING TECHNIQUES.

6. CLEARANCE REQUESTED. INTERPRETER NEEDED.
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